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Nainarkoil-Emaneswaram road.

* 654 *Q.*—SRI G. GOVINDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the road between Nainarkoil and Emaneswaram in Ramanathapuram district deteriorated owing to want of repairs; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to take over that road by the Highways department?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) It has been reported that, owing to frequent rains, this earthen road became slushy and impassable and that the road was recently repaired in July 1954 and made passable.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

Board Elementary School, Bommanathapuram.

* 655 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been received by the Government for the taking over of the Board Elementary School in Bommanathapuram, Palayur vattam, Alangudy taluk, Pudukkottai division, Tiruchirappalli district, as a Labour school under the Harijan Welfare Department;

(*b*) whether a pucca building worth Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 5,000 was built by public subscription for the school; and

(*c*) the action taken by the Government on the representation?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) It is presumed that the reference is to Bommanapuram and not Bommanathapuram. A representation was received for taking over the Bommanapuram Board Elementary school in Palaiyur vattam of Alangudy taluk.

" (*b*) No building was constructed by public subscription. However a tiled building worth Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 5,000 built by one Sri Muthu Subbiah, a social worker of Bommanapuram village was handed over by him to the special officer for education in 1948 as a gift to be used as a school building for Harijans.

" (*c*) The Government decided that it was not necessary to take over the school but that the District Board should continue to maintain it."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What are the conditions qualifying such schools to be taken as labour schools Sir? "

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The district board is expected to shoulder its responsibility. When the district board is found incompetent to maintain such schools, the Harijan, Welfare Department will come forward to take over them."

Marine Aquarium.

* 656 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the buildings of the Marine Aquarium of the Fisheries department on the Marina Beach is being used by the Government;

(*b*) when the Aquarium will be re-started and the necessary amount allotted for the same;

(*c*) whether any Committee has been constituted to suggest a suitable site for the Aquarium; and

(*d*) the recommendation of the Committee and the decision of the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) Proposals for selection of a site for the construction of a suitable building for housing the Aqarium are yet to be finalised and it will take some more time.

" (*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*d*) The Committee was asked to submit its report through the Board of Revenue. The Government are awaiting the report of the Board of Revenue on the Committee's report."

Guard at Pudukkottai palace.

* 657 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that police bandobust is provided by the Government for guarding the palaces and buildings belonging to the ex-Ruler in Pudukkottai;

(*b*) if so, the average total expenditure incurred in a month during this year for providing the police bandobust; and

(*c*) since when this bandobust is being given and the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) A guard from the Armed Reserve, Pudukkottai, is provided to the new palace at Pudukottai that belongs to the Ruler;

" (*b*) An expenditure of Rs. 1,221–2–0 is being incurred monthly towards pay and allowances of the Armed Reserve guard;

" (*c*) The guard, which was being provided prior to merger, is continued even after merger with reference to Article 4 of the Revised Memorandum on the personal privileges of the Rulers of Integrated and merged States."